

Application Serial No. 10/046,185  
Amdt. dated July 10, 2003  
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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A1  
--The present invention relates to a container plug attaching device for use with containers, such as cartons to be filled with ~~sake~~ liquid beverages, or the like, for attaching a plug to an edge portion of the container defining an outlet thereof.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A2  
--With reference to FIGS. 3 and 5, the vacuum head 71 is in the form of a generally vertical elliptical plate and has a suction face 73 facing leftward. The suction face 73, which is a vertical flat face, ~~deflects~~ inclines gradually leftward as it extends from the front rearward, thus facing toward a leftwardly forward oblique direction. The suction face 73 is provided at its front edge with a positioning ridge 74 having a circular-arc cross section. The ridge 74 has a side face 75 facing rearward, circular-arc in cross section to position along the outer periphery of the cap K of the plug P and orthogonal to the suction face 73. A suction hole 76 is formed in the center of the suction face 73. With the clamping face 32 of the anvil 33 opposed to the delivery opening 34 of the chute 35, the distance between the clamping face 32 and the suction face 73 gradually decreases from the front toward the rear, and the distance G [FIG. 5(d)] between the clamping face 32 and the rear edge of

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192 the suction face 73 is slightly greater than the height of the plug P. The distance G is equal to the distance between the left guide face of the guide member 64 and the clamping face 32.--

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